

REMARKS

In the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief of October 3, 2007, it is asserted that Applicants' Appeal Brief filed on September 10, 2007, is defective. In this regard, it is alleged that the summary does not map independent claims (15, 16) on appeal to the specification by page and line numbers. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 15 and 16 have been allowed and are not appealed. Thus, claims 15 and 16 are not "involved in the appeal" and/or "argued separately" so that they would need to be referenced in the summary pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the previously-submitted Appeal Brief is not defective.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office accept and consider the Appeal Brief filed on September 10, 2007. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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